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## INSTALLATION SERVICES.

A Large Congregation of Rev. T. P. Hays, as pastor of the first Presbyterian church of this city, were held in the church last evening.

Rev. W. J. Boggs, D. D., of Jacksonville, reached the seminary president. Dr. Boggs selected for his text Acts, 20: 27. "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."

In an eloquent, brief yet comprehensive discourse, Dr. Boggs explained the great essential principles of the Gospel as preached by the apostle Paul to the people of Athens.

This same Gospel must be preached by the faithful minister of Christ today, else that fearful condition which the apostle described as the blood of men will rest upon him. Christian people should bear in mind this obligation binding the minister to declare the whole counsel of God, even though it required the speaking of unpleasant truths, and they should not find fault if his message is not in accord with their own notions. At the conclusion of Dr. Boggs' sermon Rev. H. S. Yerger, D. D., of Fernandina, delivered the charge to the pastor. Dr. Yerger's remarks, though brief, were replete with wise counsel which the servant of the Lord should observe in his work in the ministry.

Then followed the charge to the congregation by Dr. Lindsey, of the Presbyterian church of Ocala. We wish the entire church membership of Gainesville of all denominations could have heard the charge, and we regret that we can not report it in full for the benefit of our readers. Dr. Lindsey proved clearly that it was not the duty of the pastor to do all the work of the church. It was incumbent upon the preacher to fill the pulpit, and upon the people to fill the pew. Dr. Lindsey closed his address with an earnest appeal to the members of this church to stand by their pastor through thick and thin, and to give him their undivided support.

A large congregation was present to witness this impressive service.

## To Assist Our Gallant Firemen.

We learn that preliminary arrangements are being made to render one of the best programs at the Opera House in the near future ever given by any company utilizing local talent. This entertainment is to be given for the benefit of a library fund for Gainesville's gallant firemen, and we feel confident that it will meet the approval of our citizens and gain their patronage.

While it is true, that those who are engineering the movement have not been prominently identified in any of Gainesville's local football scenes, one, at least, can boast of recommendations coming from masters of the ring, and some of those who style themselves Kings of the Southern Footlights.

Those gentlemen, seeing in the Gainesville Fire Department, the most efficient department in the State, have conceived a plan to encourage them, and we hope that every citizen—as we know that the firemen will—stand ready to do their part when called upon.

## An Imposing Structure.

The municipal building now being erected in this city, by contractor Edkins, is to be an imposing structure. Work on the building is progressing nicely, and it is to be ready for occupancy by July 1.

It is to be a large brick building two stories high. The first story will be used as a fire station, where the horses, wagons, and other fire fixtures will be kept, and on the second floor will be the homes of the firemen, the Council Chamber and a reading room for the benefit of those whose duties keep them there.

The building will supply a long felt need, and as is the case with all suppliers of real needs, will be one of the city's paying investments.

## Fraternal Resolutions.

Center Lodge No. 11, I. O. O. F. Gainesville, Fla., April 28, 1903.

To Brother J. A. Dawson:

Whereas, by the loss of your precious mother you have lost the truest, most loving and most devoted friend of your life, and

Whereas, by her removal you will miss the sweet companionship and the noble influence of a mother's affection and counsel, it is

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to you in your bereavement, and trust that in submitting to the will of Him who has taken her you will feel that your loss is her gain.

W. M. LULLOWAY,

Geo. M. LYNCH,

E. DERAY,

Committee.

THE STAR will publish all the local news of the city whenever they come to our knowledge and will be thankful to anyone who will furnish them. But extended notices, chiefly of interest to the writer, especially those embodying an advertisement, will be considered as advertising matter, for which rates will be furnished upon application.

## AN EPISODE IN NAVAL ARCHITECTURE

(Continued.)

Naval Constructors Protiss Young after finishing his course at Annapolis was stationed for several years at the Bethlehem Iron Works. There he experimented with armor plate and percussion shells till he knew the processes of manufacturing the toughest plate and the most penetrating shell. Young applied himself so diligently that his health began to give way, and, securing a year's leave, he went abroad.

One morning while riding on the Bosphorus he met a lady in a cap and veil, who was seated in a Turkish boat, bearing a Turkish lady evidently of high rank. He stared at her, but as her face was covered he could see no feature but her eyes. Young was a handsome fellow and was at the time in the uniform of his rank. The eyes of the lady were bent upon him and, he fancied, admiringly. However this may be, the same evening while walking on the street a man accosted him in bad English, informing him that a lady who had seen him that day desired to make his acquaintance. Such an adventure suited the officer exactly, and he followed the man, who led him to a private entrance to the sultan's seraglio. After dodging through secret passages, Young suddenly stepped into a luxuriously furnished apartment, in which on a divan sat a very pretty Turkish woman. Of course she was the woman he had met on the river.

That was the year of the earthquake in Turkey—1894, I think. As Young was advancing, the lady holding out her hand to him, there were a rumbling and a rocking which loosened the flooring and let the sinful couple down into the apartment below. This was not all. The sultan was at the time visiting his favorite wife in this very apartment into which they fell, and the sight that greeted his eyes after brushing off the plaster was Lieutenant Young, with one of his sultanas clinging to him in terror.

Of course this meant death for both the sinners, and this story would end right here had not the sultan recognized Young as an American officer. Not that that deterred the autocrat from applying the customary laws, but he was at that time much impressed with the skill displayed in American military and naval science, and it occurred to him that he might get some information. He asked the transgressor several questions, and when he learned of his peculiar experience his eyes gleamed with satisfaction.

"Go into the government works," he said, "and make me a plate armor that no shell can penetrate and a shell that no armor can resist. If you do this, you go free."

"That would be impossible, your majesty, but I will make you an armor that no shell except one you possess can penetrate, and that shell will penetrate any armor. But as an officer of the United States navy it would be becoming of me to save my life and leave a woman to punishment."

"Very well," said the sultan. "I consent. I have never seen this woman before, though she may have been in my harem for months. I do not even know her name. If you succeed, I will give her to you."

In a few weeks came the trial at the works in the sultan's presence. Young set up his plate and challenged the Turkish officers present to pierce it. With most of their projectiles they only dented it. The best they could do was to get into it about two inches.

"Are you satisfied, your majesty," asked Young, "that there is no shell made that can pierce that plate?"

The sultan consulted with his superintendents of the works, an Englishman, and then told Young that he was satisfied.

"Very well, your majesty; I will now load the gun myself, but I ask your majesty to withdraw every one to a distance while I insert the projectile in order that your majesty alone may possess the secret, which I will transmit to you after the experiment."

To this the sultan assented. Then Young surprised them all by taking up a shell of the kind they had been using, but before putting it into the gun it was observed that he took something from his vest pocket. When all was ready, Young fired the shell, which penetrated the plate, tearing away the backing. The shell was found to be uninjured. The sultan examined it. There was nothing on it different from any other shell and no mark to indicate that anything had been attached. The next shot was fired at an angle of twenty degrees. It pierced both plate and backing and struck the wall inclosing the works, 500 feet away. The sultan and all the officers present held up their hands in amazement.

"Tell me at once," cried the sultan, "this wonderful secret!"

Then Young took a cap and fixed it to the point of a shell. It was held there by magnetism. It was a combination of metals which protected the shell's point till it had passed the hard surface of the plate and reached the softer metal at the back.

The sultan clapped his hands, and eunuchs appeared, leading the lady who invited Young to her apartments. He gallantly crooked his arm and led her out of the works amid the plaudits of the assembled throng.

That evening an envoy came from the sultan's palace bearing a bag of gold for a dowry. This was a much more sensible way of settling the matter than crowning the woman in the Bosphorus, as was the law. The sultan gained a valuable secret and got rid of an unfaithful wife.

F. A. MITCHELL.

## THE DRINK EVIL IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS



The installation services at the Presbyterian church Thursday evening were very impressive.

Giddings' Hair Grower does the work. If Henry C. Stevens, jeweler, of High Springs, was among the visitors to Gainesville Wednesday.

Go to F. M. Cullen & Co. for ice cold drinks, ice cream, etc.

Contractor Hall is doing some nice work remodeling and building on to the residence of Editor McCreary.

Work on the new fire station is progressing rapidly, and when completed will be an ornament to the city.

Go to F. M. Cullen & Co. for ice cream and arcade drinks.

R. L. Davis and M. Stevens of Alachua, and J. T. Price of Wade were among the business visitors to the city Wednesday.

Mrs. McKay, an estimable old lady, who for several years has been Father Lynch's housekeeper, died Wednesday afternoon.

If your hair is becoming thin try Giddings' Unparalleled Hair Grower.

Rev. J. B. Holley, editor of the Southern Baptist, has been indisposed several days recently, we trust he may soon be his former self again.

Rev. L. W. Moore, editor of the Florida Christian Advocate, left this morning for West Palm Beach, where he expects to be for several days.

Ice cream, lemonade, cold soda water, mince, candy, chewing gum, etc., at F. M. Cullen & Co's.

Roaring Bill Kennedy left Thursday morning for Jacksonville where he took charge of the Jacksonville base ball team for the coming season.

Rev. Felle, the young man who was accidentally shot in the vicinity of the S. J. L. depot a few nights ago, we are informed, is recovering, and will soon be out again.

The finest and most complete line of lamps ever seen in our city, now on sale at L. C. Smith's store.

Mr. G. W. Overley, recently manager of Messrs Tomkins and Carter's barber shop, left Tuesday for Elkhart, Ind., Mr. Overley's former home, where he will in future reside.

David Edelstein leaves the first of the week on an extended trip to New York, he will probably be absent three or four months. His many friends wish for him a pleasant trip.

Have you tried Giddings' Hair Grower? Others have tried it and pronounced it good. For sale at Giddings' Drug Store.

In writing about Decoration Day services here Monday, we called it "Arbor Day." Accidents will happen sometimes, and will those who noticed the mistake please view it not very critically.

It will cost you nothing to look at our line of Table Cutlery and to get our prices on Rogers' Flatware. L. C. Smith.

Prof. Wideman of the Gainesville Graded and High School returned Wednesday afternoon from a flying visit to Jacksonville, Tallahassee and Vero Beach, where he went on educational business.

Geo. Byles of Windsor was an agreeable caller at THE STAR office Wednesday. Mr. Byles is one of Alachua county's most excellent young men, and we are always glad to have him visit our sanctum.

If it is job printing you want just send your order to the star. It will have prompt attention, and work and prices will suit you.

F. M. Cullen & Co., who have just opened their cold drink, cigar, candy, etc., stand are preparing to put in an ice cream saloon, which, when finished will be up-to-date, and they propose to have the best of cream.

A full line of Wrist Bags, Chatelaine Bags, Card Cases and Pocket Books may be found at L. C. Smith's store. Be sure to see them.

The picnic and fish fry Wednesday, given by the "Woodmen of the World" was largely attended and greatly enjoyed by all. Judge Carlisle sure knows how to make fish chowder was the estimate of all who attended.

Giddings' Unparalleled Hair Grower is all that its name implies. It cures dandruff, stops falling hair, and produces new hair. It is an excellent hair dresser. For sale at Giddings' Drug Store.

The Gainesville High School baseball team will play the juniors of Alachua this evening at 7:30 at Base Ball Park. Although the G. H. S. was defeated last game they are confident of winning this time, and a good time is promised.

On Wednesday at about 10:40 an alarm of fire was turned in from box 42 and the roof of the Jewel Laundry was found to be on fire. The Fire department answered with its usual promptness and men on the roof with chemical extinguishers assisted by the fire ladders soon had it under control and little damage was done. While answering the call hose wagon No. 2 had the misfortune to have its horse stumble and fall, breaking the shafts but otherwise no damage was done.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch is the best daily paper coming from the West. You should read the Sunday issue. It contains more for the money than any other daily coming to Gainesville. J. M. Mason is agent. Ask him for sample.

What is known as the Visiting Committee of the East Florida Seminary, composed of Maj. R. W. Peabody of Jacksonville, Col. R. A. Burford and W. B. Henderson, of Ocala, paid the institution their regular annual visit yesterday and were highly pleased with the progress the school had made in all its branches, and express themselves as being greatly interested in the welfare of the institution. They are men of prominence, and we feel sure their influence in securing the needed appropriation will be a great benefit to us.

## Macedonia's Struggle For Liberty.

In view of the unrest in Macedonia and the threatened uprising in the early spring, there is timely interest in an article in the North American Review for February by Charles Johnson on "Macedonia's Struggle For Liberty." What Mr. Johnson calls "the Turk's administrative impotence" lies at the bottom of the Macedonian problem, and there seems little prospect of orderly conditions in this portion of the Balkans so long as it is ruled by the Mussulman.

While the Macedonian uprising last autumn was suppressed with all the sudden and tremendous energy latent in the Ottoman empire, there has since been much disorder, and within the last fortnight there have been reports of severe fighting between the revolutionists and the Turkish troops. The coming of spring, the appointed time for Balkan uprisings, is awaited with anxiety, which is reflected in the rumors of Russian and Austrian naval activity in the Mediterranean.

If in the promised revolt next spring, which is presaged by present disorders, the Macedonians are left to rebel alone, they will be quickly put down. If the Bulgarians, to whom they look for aid by reason of race affiliations, should give them overt assistance, the struggle would be longer, but the result the same; the "sick man of Europe" is probably a match for all the Balkan states combined. If, however, the great powers intervene to compel the release of this province from Ottoman rule, war would undoubtedly follow, and the map of southern Europe would be materially changed.

A free Macedonia would mean a regrouping of the Balkan states and a perilous shift of the balance of power in the Levant. It would mean practically the withdrawal of the Turk to Asia, for Macedonia contains half the territory and three-fourths of the population of Turkey in Europe. Were it to break away from the sultan his Adriatic provinces would be cut off, and the only vestiges of his European realm would be the city of Constantinople and the province tributary to it.

In this country there is little sympathy with the methods of the Macedonian revolutionary committee, which is here regarded as little better than an organized bandit, mainly responsible for the abduction of Miss Stone, the money for whose ransom was paid by Americans and apparently went to further revolutionary schemes. Despite this we should be glad to see the classic land of Philip and Alexander relieved from Turkish thraldom and restored to peace and tranquillity.

## THE ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Finance Committee of the City of Gainesville.

THE STAR is under obligations to Hon. G. K. Broome, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Council, for his annual report. The report shows the finances of the city to be in good and safe hands, and in all respects is a good showing.

His report shows that the amount collected on book of 1902 is in excess of amount collected on book of 1901 for same space of time, \$149,402. Collector Ellis has done excellent work for the city during the year and is entitled to the thanks of the people.

The amount expended on streets this year has been in excess of previous years, and the same also as to water works.

This report shows the amount on hand April 1, 1903, to be \$7,757,901 and the total indebtedness of the city to be \$42,424,89, this shows a decrease of indebtedness this year of \$3,908,00.

The Finance Committee is to be congratulated on so good a showing.

## Methodist Church Services.

The Sunday School will convene at 7:30 a. m., H. L. Phifer Superintendent. At 10:30 there will be preaching by Rev. W. J. Carpenter, pastor. Subject, "The Power of Silent Forces."

The Epworth League will meet at 4:00 p. m. in the usual devotional meeting. At 7:30 p. m. the pastor will again preach, the sermon being for the benefit of young people, subject, "The Dangers to Avoid that One May Succeed." The young people of the city are invited to these sermons.

On Monday at 4 p. m. will be held the regular meeting of the Official Board.

James Smithson, whose bequest brought into existence the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, led a lonely life and died among strangers and was buried at Genoa, Italy. The authorities of that city are going to use the ground where he was buried for another purpose and have called for the removal of his remains. The regents of the Smithsonian Institution arranged for reinterment in another part of Genoa, but there is a general feeling in Washington that the remains should be brought to Washington and buried in the Smithsonian grounds. The suggestion is a reasonable one and may well be followed.

In view of the fact that there was no necessity for the blustering naval demonstration by Great Britain, Germany and Italy, it would appear that the powers which proceeded decently toward the collection of their claims against Venezuela should have an equal, if not preferential, standing as creditors.

Hon. Joe Chamberlain appears to be making a decided hit with the Boers in South Africa. This is doubtless because he has with him his talented and tactful American wife.

Sir Henry Maxm's declaration that the bank at Monte Carlo cannot be beaten is a maxim that some venture some people would do well to accept without question.

As an answer to Governor Penny-packer's inaugural address Mr. Carnegie has just given \$5,000,000 more for scientific research by Scotchmen.

President Castro will doubtless expect Germany to pay for the broken glass when the final settlement is made.

Whether he misinterpreted the signals or not, Engineer Davis of the Reading express wrecked on the Central Railroad of New Jersey was no coward. His little speech to the rescuers deserves to go on the everlasting record: "Don't mind me. I am done for. See what you can do for some of the others." He died subsequently of his injuries.

So far as we have observed, a Plains field (N. J.) correspondent was the first this winter to spring on the public that the old story about a farmer missing his ducks on a cold morning and finding them frozen in the ice of the neighboring pond, was for help.

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